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DELEGATES TO THE ELEVENTH NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

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TENNESSEE

<u>Delegate</u>	<u>County</u>
George Campbell, Jr.	Maury
Max Clendenen	Hamilton
Julia Irene Hudson	Hamilton
Chloe Anne Yates	Shelby

Mr. Campbell has specialized in dairy work during his 8 years membership in the 4-H club. In 1936 he added farm accounting to his work. He has exhibited a heifer at the National Dairy Show in St. Louis, Mo., was a member of the dairy judging team 2 years, and during the past 6 years has attended the Tennessee State Fair and the Tennessee Products Show.

George has been secretary, vice president, and president of his club.

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Mr. Clendenen lives on a 33-acre farm. He joined a 4-H club 8 years ago and has carried the following projects: Corn, potatoes, dairy and pig, peanuts, and sweetpotatoes.

He was a member of the county crops-judging team and also the county dairy cattle-judging team, being second high man on the dairy team.

He has exhibited corn and potatoes at the Knoxville Fair. Max has cooperated with his community on improvements, given radio talks, and filled the offices of local club leader, secretary, and reporter.

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Miss Hudson writes:

"When I was 12 years old, my father bought a small farm near Ooltewah, Tenn., and we moved from the City of Chattanooga. I became interested in the 4-H club and enrolled.

"Through 4-H club work, I have learned the essentials in gardening, clothing, health, home improvement, foods, and canning.

Foods.

"In my first year I learned to prepare and serve breakfast. I also put into practice the methods of making breads and learned the importance of the leavening agent used.

"The next year I learned to make salads, meat substitutes, and simple fruit deserts and cookies. I particularly studied salad arrangement, and how to plan, prepare, and serve a dinner. During the year, I planned, prepared, and served an average of two meals weekly.

"My third year of food work was centered on lunches and the preparation of meat. I planned, prepared, and packed five lunches daily during the school term. I planned and prepared an average of three meals weekly.

"In 1935, I acted as a member of our senior food-demonstration team which won a \$10 prize at the Chattanooga Tri-State Fair, held that year.

"During this last year of food study and practice, I have been applying my knowledge of foods gained during my earlier years of work to food problems at home. I have learned to plan and prepare any type of meal and serve it with fair success. I have planned and cooked an average of five meals weekly during the year, and in September kept house 2 weeks. During these 2 weeks, I planned the meals, budgeted the grocery list, and prepared the food for a family of eight. In addition, as we had a cow, it was my duty to care for 4 gallons of milk daily.

"I attended school and prepared my exhibits for the Tri-State Fair during these 2 weeks.

Gardening.

"In my first year, I had a garden of my own and grew tomatoes, beans, and beets. The second year, we planned a year-round garden to meet the needs of the family. I helped with all the work. We transplanted 400 strawberry plants and cultivated them for home use.

"During my third year I helped cultivate the melon patch in addition to helping with the family garden.

"In 1936 I helped with the family garden and we had one of the best in our community, despite the drought. I planted 100 feet of rape for my winter garden. We have been having greens all winter.

"As there are eight in the family, we had space enough only to supply our own needs and did not raise food for market. We often exchanged products with our neighbors and gave vegetables to relatives. Other than this, we canned our surplus products.

Home improvement.

"Home improvement is a project I have carried all 5 years of my club work and have enjoyed thoroughly. In my first year, I covered the kitchen tables and shelves and rearranged my brothers' bedroom.

"This year, I have done more home improvement than ever before, and we have added more home furnishings than in several years.

"During work in '33, '34, '35, and '36, we had large yards, and I spent a great deal of time improving them. We terraced the front yard and planted a hedge.

Clothing.

"I completed my first, second, and third year requirements in sewing, took part in clothing contest held at school and won second place. I competed in the county contest.

"I began working with silk material in the fourth year, and learned to handle it without much trouble. Besides a required dress, I made a silk dress, batiste dress, pique skirt, altered and mended 21 garments.

"Of most importance to me was the fact that I learned the value of keeping my own clothes mended and laundered. I have helped mother with the family sewing for several years.

Canning.

"During my club work I have carried canning as an active project. I helped to supervise canning of our club exhibit entered in the Tri-State Fair in 1935. I enjoy canning especially for exhibition purposes, and have the satisfaction of having canned and kept successfully many different foods. I took up canning of meat products this year.

My home club.

"For the last 3 years our senior club has taken the home-economics department and the girls' rest room at school as objects of improvement. This last year we took our community lot as a project. Our club girls raised money for wire to be used as backstops for a tennis court and with the assistance of the boys in our neighborhood, cleaned and prepared the space for a tennis court.

"Last year our club bought some dishes for the home-economics department and helped the P. T. A. in improving the school campus.

"This year we paid half of 15 club girls' camp fees. Our club won a prize in the 1935 and 1936 fairs for its food demonstration work, and in 1936 a prize on its group canning. It was awarded fifth prize as the best all-around club in Hamilton County at the 1936 rally."

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Miss Yates writes:

"The enviable records of achievement made by members of our local club and of other clubs aroused my interest in 4-H club work when I was very young. I became a member when I was 12 years old, and have taken an active part in 4-H club activities since that time.

"My first project was canning, and in connection with this I had my own garden plot. Having assisted my mother with her canning each year I had some knowledge of the work. As a result of this previous training and help received in 4-H club work, I was able to put up a total of 442 jars of fruits, vegetables, and meats.

"From the time the first products were canned they were carefully selected and graded in order that they might be suitable for exhibition in the fall. I exhibited these select jars at the Mid-South Fair and the West Tennessee District Fair winning a total of \$13 in these exhibitions. I entered the National Canning Contest in Chicago and received an award on my exhibit of pork sausage.

"That year I was chosen as secretary and treasurer of our local club.

"My principal outside activity during the year was the county clothing contest. Even though I did not place, I learned much for future years, both for contests and for home sewing. The climax of my first year's activities was winning a trip to State club camp.

"My second year I canned 360 jars of 100 varieties of products and I had 35 varieties of vegetables in my gardens - summer and winter. This year I made cuttings of grapes and several varieties of shrubs many of which have grown into strong, healthy plants. I have put out 10 grapevines from these cuttings, which are now producing fruit, and made about 125 more cuttings from them. I planted 25 walnuts, and transplanted some dogwood and wild cherry trees from the woods into the yard.

"At the Mid-South Fair I won six blue and two red ribbons for my entries of pickles. I won two first prizes in the national canning contest in Chicago on pork sausage and cherries.

"In the early spring our county home demonstration agent suggested selling canned goods at the Memphis Curb Market. My sister and I purchased a green oilcloth for the table, made standard 4-H uniforms, and went to work. Since we began we have sold more than \$260 worth of preserves and jellies, besides vegetables and flowers. At Christmas we increased our sales of canned products by wrapping them with red cellophane, tying with green ribbon, and topping with a sprig of holly. This made them acceptable gifts and increased our income substantially.

"My flower project was quite successful especially the gladiolas. From the thousand bulbs I put out I cut 997 blooms the first year; 812 the

second, and 523 the third year, selling them at an average of 39 cents a dozen.

"Most of my vegetables were of better quality than they were the preceding year. I grew the standard varieties and several newer ones, 22 varieties in all, and sold vegetables and flowers totaling \$45.83. I used crimson clover as a winter cover crop.

"During the year I served as president and junior leader of our local club. I assisted my sister as canning supervisor for the Cordova P. T. A. and school lunchroom during the summer months, and helped other club members to prepare their exhibit jars. Our club made a balanced-meal exhibit at the Mid-South Fair in which I helped.

"That year I made the regular exhibit of meats, the pantry exhibit, fresh vegetables, and record books. On these I won two first, one second, and two fifth prizes. I placed second in the style-revue contest and won three first prizes on my exhibits of chickens. At the National Canning Contest I received two third prizes. I sent an exhibit of 12 jars - 6 quarts of fruits and 6 pints of vegetables - to the State fair in Nashville, and helped to prepare an exhibit for the junior home-management club.

"This year at the regular meeting of the Shelby County Federation of 4-H Clubs I was selected as first vice president. During the summer I again assisted my sister as canning supervisor at Cordova School.

"I carried on my projects during the fall of 1935 and summer of 1936, because on January 2 I entered the University of Tennessee College of Home Economics.

"Of course mine was not a year-round garden, but in the fall and late summer it was quite successful. Besides having an abundance of the late vegetables for home use I sold some.

"In early July another 4-H club girl and I judged the projects of the girls at Eads and Cordova.

"Early in the summer of 1935 my sister and I saw a shuck hat and we decided to make one. We received so many calls for it that we made 10 more. In fact, we had many more orders which we were unable to supply. During the early winter I made braid for the spring rush in 1936, but even so I was kept so busy during the summer that I had to raise the price. In July 1935, my sister and I gave a demonstration at a Memphis playground on the making of these hats. I now have some ready for orders already received for this spring.

"Last January I entered college with my 4-H funds.

"During my 6 years in 4-H club work I have canned a total of 3,883 jars of fruits, vegetables, and meats. I have completed 177 garments and 18 handicraft articles and have refinished 3 pieces of furniture. I have

made 114 exhibits in county, district, State, National, and International contests and have won 66 prizes, and 4 trips - to State club camp, Mid-South Fair, and National 4-H Club Congress. I have completed 28 projects, held 10 offices, and given 2 public demonstrations. I have helped to prepare seven community and club exhibits, four of which won first prizes in national competition, and two of which placed in county competition. I have set out 450 hardwood cuttings, including grapes, and 20 varieties of shrubs and bushes. I have received from my products sold, a total of \$320.58, and I value my projects for the 6 years at \$2,382.90."
